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September 23, 2015

Ms. Megan Barber-Brancamp
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Board of State and Community Corrections
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Dear Ms. Barber-Brancamp:

COMMUNITY RECIDIVISM REDUCTION GRANT (BUDGET ACT OF 2015)

The Interim Chief Executive Officer would like to accept the additional Fiscal Year 2015-16 funds of \$800,000 for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant. On September 15, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors took action to approve and accept this additional funding. The County's Community Corrections Partnership, also known as the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT), met on August 13, 2015 and unanimously supported the county's acceptance of this grant.

The PSRT will develop a local community recidivism reduction grant program. The PSRT, pursuant to Penal Code 1233.10, will establish minimum requirements, funding criteria, grant award limits (not to exceed \$100,000 per provider), and a competitive bid process.

Qualified community-based providers must provide recidivism and crime reduction services to persons who have been released from State prison, a county jail, or a juvenile detention facility; who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department; or who are at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities. Community recidivism and crime reduction services may include, but are not limited to, delinquency prevention, homelessness prevention, and reentry services. The PSRT will provide annual reports to the Board of State and Community Corrections commencing on July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2018.

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Minutes of the September 15, 2015, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, at which this award was accepted, are forthcoming. Should you have any questions, please call Mark Delgado, Executive Director, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee at (213) 974-8399.

Sincerely,


SACHI A. HAMAI
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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November 5, 2015

TO: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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FROM: Jerry E. Powers, Chief Probation Officer *J.P.*
Chair, Public Safety Realignment Team
Mark Delgado, Executive Director *MD*
Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: **Utilization of \$800,000 Community Recidivism Reduction Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (Item No. 13 – September 15, 2015 Agenda)**

On September 15, 2015, your Board approved a motion to accept an \$800,000 Community Recidivism Reduction Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The grant program was established by the State to support counties' efforts to reduce recidivism, facilitate re-entry, and reduce crime.

The approved Board motion also directed the County's Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT) to report back with a plan for utilizing the grant funds and specified that funding should be prioritized for programs where service gaps exist and to enhance employment opportunities for ex-offenders. This report summarizes the plan for grant utilization that was developed following discussion with PSRT members and other stakeholders.

COMMUNITY RECIDIVISM REDUCTION GRANT BACKGROUND

The California State Budget Act of 2014 allocated funding to the BSCC to create the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant Program (CRRGP). The Fiscal Year 2015-16 California State budget allocated an additional \$4 million to the CRRGP, including \$800,000 to Los Angeles County. Funding received by the County must be disbursed through a competitive process to nongovernmental entities providing community recidivism and crime reduction services. The maximum award that can be made to any one provider is \$100,000.

PROPOSED GRANT UTILIZATION PLAN

Pursuant to your Board's direction, PSRT member agencies and collaborating partners developed a utilization plan that addresses gaps in the delivery of employment services to justice-involved populations. Specifically, PSRT proposes to utilize the grant to fund eight Employment Re-entry Navigators through Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) contracted agencies.

The Navigators will offer specialized employment services to ex-offenders in the community at Los Angeles County America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs) operated through the County's workforce development system under the auspices of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). In addition, a Re-entry Navigator will be co-located at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) to provide in-reach services to women in custody. The Navigator at CRDF will orient women in custody to the services offered through WIOA and directly link them to Los Angeles County AJCCs upon their release.

Enhancement/Benefit

CSS has served as the implementer of the County's workforce one-stop system for the past 15 years. These AJCCs offer an array of direct and coordinated employment services and, under WIOA, aim to serve priority populations, including the formerly incarcerated.

The Re-entry Navigators funded by this grant will augment those services by providing employment and re-entry assistance tailored to the specific needs of the ex-offender population. Re-entry Navigators located at the AJCCs will provide career planning, job training, job development, placement in employment, on-the-job peer and coaching support, and continued career development services.

While all ex-offenders accessing the AJCCs could receive specialized services, particular focus will be placed on serving the following populations:

- *Youth returning from Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) institutions to the County on Probation supervision* – The Probation Department identified DJJ youth as a priority population given the unique re-entry challenges they encounter. Probation staff supervising DJJ youth 18 years of age and older will actively link them to AJCCs.
- *Female offenders linked through the CRDF co-located Navigator* – Recognizing the need to ensure that focused services are provided to female offenders, this proposal co-locates a Re-entry Navigator at the CRDF women's facility. The Navigator will connect women to the workforce development system for specialized employment services.
- *Jail inmates served by the jail-based job center targeted for co-location at the Pitchess Detention Facility (PDF)* – The jail-based job center is being implemented by CSS and collaborating partners with funding from the County's Quality and Productivity Commission. Connecting jail-based job services to Re-entry Navigators funded by this grant will promote the seamless continuum of custody-to-community employment services.

Ultimately, the Re-entry Navigators will fill a crucial gap in services by offering intensive soft skill job preparation, enhanced social skills development, peer supports, and system navigation into the County's AJCC system. These services are proposed to enhance outcomes among ex-offenders accessing services at the AJCCs.

In addition, by leveraging the jail-based job center that will be co-located at PDF and the in-reach services proposed for CRDF, this utilization plan continues to build the full employment continuum of services needed in a re-entry model.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND OUTCOME REPORTING

Implementation Process

CSS will manage the competitive procurement process to secure eight qualified providers and oversee the contracts awarded for Re-entry Navigator services to the targeted population in a manner consistent with BSCC grant requirements. Contracts will be awarded by late Summer 2016. Grant funds in the amount of \$760,000 will be provided to contract agencies to deliver employment navigation services and job training. CSS estimates that this funding will support services for approximately 300 referred individuals and intensive services for approximately 125 enrolled clients over a one-year performance period.

As allowed by statute, five percent (5%) of the grant award will be used for CSS administrative costs related to procurement processes and contract monitoring responsibilities (\$40,000).

Outcome Reporting

The CRRGP requires service providers that receive funding to report annually to the County on the number of individuals served and the types of services provided by them. The County must then report that information to the BSCC annually until the conclusion of the grant period. The Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) will work with CSS to coordinate this annual submission.

In addition, AJCCs providing services under the auspices of WIOA, are required to meet Federal reporting requirements, including job placement and retention outcomes. Providers of services under this grant will be required to capture and report data on these same outcomes. Such data will enable the County to assess the effectiveness of specialized employment services for ex-offenders.

CONCLUSION

As directed by your Board's September 15th action, this utilization plan supports efforts to prioritize allocations for programs where service gaps exist and to enhance employment opportunities for ex-offenders. If you have any questions about this grant program or the proposed utilization plan, please contact Mark Delgado, Executive Director of CCJCC, at (213) 974-8399 or CSS Assistant Director Josie Marquez at (213) 738-3175.

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